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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new telephone exchanges opened in the current financial year in the State of Kerala;

(b) the number of telephone connections provided as on date ; and

(c) the number of telephone applications pending in Kerala circle as on date, district-wise; and

(d) the reasons for the delay?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) 39 new telephone exchanges have been opened during the current financial year from 1.4.2001 to 31.1.2002 in the state of Kerala.

(b) The number of telephone connections provided as on 31.1.2002 during current financial year is 264694.

(c) The number of telephone applications pending as on 31.1.2002 is 775783. The District-wise details are given in Annexure.

(d) About 75% of the applicants are in rural areas where the requirement of cable, line material and man power are very high compared to the connections in urban areas. The waiting list is planned to be cleared by March, 2004 subject to availability of funds and materials.

ANNEXURE

NO. OF APPLICATIONS AS ON 31.1.2002 IN KERALA STATE, DISTRICT-WISE

NAME OF DISTRICT	NO. OF APPLICATIONS PENDING
Trivandrum	40428
Quilon	80674
Pathanamthitta	16815
Alleppey	71794
Kottayam	36308
Idukki	30716
Ernakulam	47879
Trichur	70376
Palghat	46740
Malappuram	106098
Calicut	75615
Wynad	25257
Cannanore	78969
Kasargod	45537
Lakashdweep (Union Territory)	84
Pondicherry (Mahey) (Union Territory)	2493
Total	775783